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TAGS: PDEV, PINT, PINS, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GUERRILLAS KILLED IN SALISBURY

REF: PRETORIA 4610

1. RHODESIAN PRESS OF AUGUST 24 REPORTS THAT OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS THE RHODESIAN POLICE MADE CONTACT ON THREE OCCASIONS WITH GUERRILLAS IN THE HIGHFIELD TOWNSHIP, WHICH IS ON THE SOUTHWEST EDGE OF SALISBURY. THE ACCOUNT SAYS THE RESULT WAS TWO GUERRILLAS KILLED AND TWO BLACK CIVILIANS KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED. REPORTEDLY ONE MAN WAS APPROACHED BY POLICE ON AUGUST 21 AT A SHOPPING CENTER. HE DREW A GRENADE AND WAS SHOT WHILE ATTEMPTING TO THROW IT. THE NEXT DAY, THE ACCOUNT STATES, POLICE IDENTIFIED A BLACK AS AN ASSOCIATE

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OF THE DEAD MAN. WHEN APPROACHED, HE TRIED TO FLEE AND WAS SHOT DEAD. THAT SAME NIGHT POLICE FIRED ON A HOUSE FROM WHICH SUSPICIOUS "SOUNDS" WERE EMANATING. THE HOUSE EXPLODED AND THE REMAINS OF AN ARMS CACHE WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND. AS THIS WAS OCCURRING, ANOTHER ARMED MAN REPORTEDLY OPENED FIRE ON POLICE AND BYSTANDERS, KILLING TWO AND WOUNDING THREE. THIS MAN FLED SAFELY.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND RECENT INCIDENT OF BOLD MOVES
BY GUERRILLAS IN URBAN AREAS TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION,
THE OTHER BEING THE KILLING OF A WHITE MAN LAST WEEK IN THE
RAILWAY YARDS OF BULAWAYO. THIS APPEARS TO ADD STRENGTH TO
THE ASSERTION OF BLACK CONTACTS IN SALISBURY TO
STEVE LOW THAT INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING IN THE BLACK
TOWNSHIPS OF SALISBURY AND BULAWAYO AND THAT GUERRILLAS ARE
PLANNING TO STEP UP URBAN TERRORISM (REFTEL).
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